

Patient A : Role Sheet

Use the information in this profile when you consult with a “doctor” who will be taking your medical history in a role play. If you were not given information to answer a particular question that the doctor asks you, you may use your imagination.

Your name: Jean Johnson (23-year-old American from New York)
exchange student at a Japanese university

* If you are male, you will play the role of a male. If you are female, you will do the role play as a female.

* Presenting Problem: Back pain (lower back)

* back pain started when doing a part-time job at a fast food restaurant; had to lift heavy trays and equipment

* in the States had x-rays and MRI of back taken

* now unable to bend down all the way or lift heavy things

* has been prescribed opioids (oxycodone / OxyContin) for back pain in the States

* pain improved after patient began taking drugs, but the effect of the drugs have diminished and the pain has returned

* patient is worried that (s)he may be becoming addicted to the medication

* has taken recreational marijuana in the past; smokes cigarettes occasionally

* has an allergy to novacain (a local anesthetic in medicine and dentistry)

* rather depressed and homesick since coming to Japan

* lives alone in university dormitory

* seldom gets exercise as (s)he dislikes it

* prone to accidents; has broken an arm and an ankle in the past

*mother has had cancer twice

* father had heart disease and two back surgeries